

**§ 1209.305 Legal advice and assistance.**

The General Counsel of NASA shall provide the Board with all necessary advice and assistance.

### Subpart 4—Inventions and Contributions Board

AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 2457(f) and 2458.

SOURCE: 51 FR 3945, Jan. 31, 1986, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 1209.400 Scope.**

This subpart describes the functions, authority, and membership of the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”).

**§ 1209.401 Establishment.**

Pursuant to the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 as amended (42 U.S.C. 2457(f) and 2458) and the Government Employees Incentive Awards Act of 1954 (5 U.S.C. 4501–6), the Board was established on December 4, 1958, and is further continued in effect by this subpart 4.

**§ 1209.402 Responsibilities.**

(a) *Waiver of rights in inventions.* Under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 2457(f) and pursuant to 14 CFR part 1245 subpart 1 (NASA Management Instruction 5109.2), the Board will receive and evaluate petitions for waiver of rights of the United States to inventions, accord each interested party an opportunity for a hearing, and transmit to the Administrator its findings of fact as to such petitions and its recommendations for action to be taken with respect thereto.

(b) *Patent licenses.* Under the authority of 35 U.S.C. 207(b) and pursuant to 14 CFR part 1245 subpart 2 (NASA Management Instruction 5109.3), the Board will accord a licensee or applicant for license an opportunity for a hearing with respect to an appeal which raises a dispute over material facts and will be responsible for making findings of fact and forwarding them to the Administrator or designee.

(c) *Monetary awards for scientific and technical contributions.* (1) Under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 2458 and pursuant to 14 CFR part 1240, the Board will re-

ceive and evaluate each application for award for any scientific or technical contribution to the Administration which is determined to have significant value in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities, will accord each applicant an opportunity for a hearing upon such application, and will then transmit to the Administrator its recommendation as to the amount of the monetary award and terms of the award, if any, to be made for such contribution.

(2) If the contribution is made by a Government employee, the Board is also authorized to consider such contribution for award under the incentive awards program and to make an award, if any, on its own cognizance, up to the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with NASA supplements to Chapter 451 of the Federal Personnel Manual covering this subject.

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**§ 1209.403 Organizational location.**

The Board is established within the Office of Policy Coordination and International Relations.

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**§ 1209.404 Membership.**

(a) The Board will consist of a full-time Chairperson and at least six members appointed by the Administrator from within NASA. One of the members will be designated by the Chairperson as Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson is responsible directly to the Administrator.

(b) The Chairperson of the Board is appointed for an unlimited period. All other Board members normally will be appointed initially for a period of 3 years. The Chairperson is authorized to extend the initial appointment of any Board member for an additional period of service. If a member resigns or is otherwise unable to participate in the Board's activities, a replacement may be appointed for the remainder of the uncompleted term and, with the approval of the Chairperson, may be appointed for a full 3-year term upon the expiration of the original term. This procedure will provide the Board with a continual infusion of new members